

Elected an ANS member in 1929. [No card.]

Hey, Charles P.

1935

[Philadelphia, PA]

6329 Magnolia Avenue,  
Philadelphia, Pa.,  
February 28, 1935.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,  
The American Numismatic Society,  
155th Street and Broadway,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:

The enclosed somewhat tardy remittance covers my Associate Membership Dues for 1935. I had thought for awhile that I should have to relinquish this association with the Society, which I should have regretted.

How fortunate it is for us (and we must be few) in the Society who have their interest in War Medals and Decorations, that Mr. Gilligham's able voice and pen still strive for us in the furtherance of our medal-wisdom. I was glad to receive his Monograph on "Ephemeral Decorations" and place it, after first reading, with his several other authoritative works. I refer to them often.

Does the Society contemplate giving us in Monograph, or otherwise, Bauman Belden's work on United States Life Saving Medals? This was considered, I believe....Some time ago I inquired of the Treasury Department as to the availability of a public record of awards to members of the Life Saving and Revenue Cutter services, similar to War and Navy Department publications listing recipients, with citations, of Medals of Honor, Distinguished Service Crosses and Medals. They, however, have not deigned to acknowledge my letter. Do you know of any book or books of this character compiled by the Treasury Department for the public?

Does the Society ever open its doors on Sundays for the viewing of exhibits? I am most anxious <sup>for</sup> ~~at~~ the first opportunity of carefully inspecting the War Medal collection; have seen it hurriedly, only once.

Very truly yours,

*Shuo P. Shen*

Encl.



March 1, 1935.

Mr. Charles P. Hey  
6329 Magnolia Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Hey:

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your dues for 1935. We are very glad to note that you are still able to stay with us. I am answering this letter rather than Mr. Noe, as I am better able to answer your question concerning Belden's work on United States life saving medals. It is and has been our purpose to publish this. The reason it has not been done is largely up to the writer. The manuscript needs a great deal of revision, and where I have tackled it several times, pressure of other work has prevented its completion. It is my hope to be able to bring it to a conclusion some day.

As far as I know the Treasury Department has issued nothing on life saving medals. Inquiries to Washington have been of no avail. As a matter of fact I think their records on this subject are in bad order. It is a very minor branch of the Treasury Department and they are much rushed with, to them, more important monetary matters.

Our museum is open to visitors on Sundays between one and five o'clock. However, none of the staff are at the museum on that day, simply the two custodians.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator